

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...more willing to support the funding aspects of taking care of our NRDs. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The member from the 46th Legislative District, Senator Dave Landis, the committee amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll make only this brief comment and that is that we have been on the committee amendments yesterday and today. We have an amendment on the funding coming up. We also have the bill advancement and I would hope that we would apportion our time reasonably. With that, I see that there are lights from many, many other people on. I will allow them to speak on this, renew my light and hope to speak on the advancement of the bill when we get to that point.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please. Senator Abboud waives. Senator Rod Johnson, please, on the committee amendments. Moving then to Senator Lamb on the committee amendments.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members, we discussed this pretty well yesterday and I guess at this point I would ask that the committee amendments be rejected and I think one of the members then has an amendment subsequent to that action which would, in effect, leave the property tax at the same level that it is now. I would just reiterate some of the points that I made yesterday and one is that there is in present law, which is not changed by the bill, the opportunity, the authority for NRDs to increase property tax if they go to a vote of the people, if they go to a vote of the people. Also I'd point out that this committee amendment increases the property tax authority without a vote of the people by 28 percent and I think that's a bit high. So at this point I think I would recommend that the committee amendments be rejected and, Mr. Speaker, I will not be holding up any votes for Senator Hefner. I learned my lesson yesterday and so I hope that will not happen, I will not do that again. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. On the committee amendments the next speaker is Senator Nelson and in the vernacular of the baseball world, Senator Dierks on deck with Senator Rupp in the hole. Senator Nelson.